



Holy Week
at Calvary

MARCH 25 - APRIL 1

Holy Week Service Times & Events

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

MARCH 25

9am & 10:30am - Hazel Dell Campus
9am - Jefferson Street Campus

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

MARCH 30

7pm - Hazel Dell Campus

EASTER PARTY

MARCH 31

10am-12pm - Hazel Dell Campus
for kids age 3 through 5th grade

EASTER SERVICES

MARCH 31

6pm - Hazel Dell Campus

APRIL 1

8am, 9:30am & 11:15am - Hazel Dell Campus
9am - Jefferson Street Campus

Palm Sunday through Resurrection Sunday is known to us as Holy Week. During this time in history, Jesus clearly proclaimed who He is and finished the final requirements to fulfill all of the law. For the sake of our faith, we should know the events that took place each day and consider what they mean to us.

I encourage you to read through each day's note and scripture. Feel free to go through them on your own or with your family and friends. If you have children, this is the perfect time to step up as a spiritual leader in your home. Share your faith with your children. They should know your salvation story. If there is a Christian heritage in your family, share that as well. If not, tell them what you hope it will be in the future and express to them your desire for their faith. Spiritual talks should be natural in your home. Sharing needs and praying together should be a regular occurrence. Your eyes looking into their eyes, your voice ringing in their ears, your hands touching them in prayer, and your passion sparking passion in them are powerful to overcoming the temptations of the enemy. Be bold.

Make sure to check the Calvary Facebook page where you will find a short video highlighting each day of Holy Week.

May this Holy Week be a time when your faith and relationship with Jesus deepens.

Pastor Mark

PALM SUNDAY

Weeks before this day, Jesus had asked the disciples the most important question any of us will ever answer. He said to them in Matthew 16:15, “But who do you say that I am?”

Read & Respond

Who do you say Jesus is?

Think about the options and why you believe what you believe.

Matthew 21:1-11

Everything Jesus did on this day was a clear, bold proclamation that He was the Messiah, the one sent from the Father. His claim is so clear that it leaves all of us with one of two choices: accept Him as our Creator and Lord or reject Him as a fraud.

What is your choice and why?

If you are going through it alone, take time to write out your testimony and make it easy to share with others.

If you are going through this with a group, share your salvation story.

MONDAY

The Passover was the celebration of the people of Israel being set free from Egypt. They marked their homes with the blood of a lamb so that the death angel would pass over. People would come to Jerusalem from all over the known world.

Read & Respond

Jesus was in Jerusalem for another reason. What was that reason?

Mark 11:15-18

On Monday, Jesus went to the Temple. The Temple was the place where the presence of God dwelt, but Jesus was about to change that.

1 Corinthians 3:16 - Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

What does Jesus cleansing the Temple say to us today about our actions and our words?

What places in your life has Jesus cleansed since you started serving him?

Take time to listen to the Spirit today. Are there other things Jesus would cleanse from your life?

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Matthew 21:28-22:14

Jesus would end the day with three teachings to the crowd.

What do these passages teach us about the actions of our lives?

What do they teach us about the judgment of God?

What do these passages teach us about the reward of God to the faithful?

Jesus was clearly slamming the hypocrisy of the religious leaders who were determined to stop Him.

TUESDAY

The law required that a priest examine the lamb to be sacrificed on the Passover. It had to be perfect. Tuesday was the day for the examination. The religious leaders of the day wanted to discredit Jesus so they came to test him.

Read & Respond

Matthew 22:23-40

They put Jesus to the test, and He was found spotless.

Matthew 22:41-46

Then He questioned them.

They could not answer, but John gives us insight.

Revelation 22:16 - I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

Why do we need a perfect sacrifice?

How does this show the love of God to us?

WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, everything seemed quiet. However, steps were being taken to silence Jesus.

Read & Respond

Matthew 26:6-19

Judas, who had a love for money, had been fuming all week over the loss to the treasury. He now saw an opportunity to get his due. He would betray Jesus.

While Judas was selling out Jesus, Peter and John were preparing for the Passover.

Why would Judas betray Jesus?

What does betrayal look like in our day?

What price are we offered to betray Jesus?

THURSDAY

Peter had been part of the preparations all week for the Passover feast and now the time had come. Peter might expect to receive recognition for his efforts that week, but, instead, he is given the lowest seat at the table. With no servant there, it would be expected that the person in this seat would wash the others' feet. Peter chose not to serve.

Read & Respond

John 13:1-17

What is the call of Jesus to us in this story?

Who are people you might be called to serve?

Why is humble service often hard?

Matthew 26:26-30

Take your time to think over the work that Jesus was about to do for us.

If you are with others, discuss the willing sacrifice He was about to make.

Prayerfully receive the elements of communion now.

FRIDAY

Friday morning Jesus would be crucified.

Read & Respond

Matthew 27:27-56

Tonight's Good Friday service is a solemn service in commemoration of the Lord's work on the cross. Bring your family and friends to remember the last words of Jesus. These words are full of meaning and reveal the nature of God Himself to us. We will leave the service in silence to honor the sacrifice made, but we will return to resurrection services rejoicing in the victory of our Savior.

Parents: Childcare is available for children in kindergarten or younger. The service is appropriate for elementary-aged children. Have them sit with you and talk to them afterwards about the meaning of the day and our hope in Jesus.



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